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CSHB 381 (JUD) SELF DEFENSE

The House Judiciary CS for HB 381 recognizes that Alaskan residents have right to use deadly force to protect their families, persons and property whether they are at home, work, or in any place they have a right to be present. It does this by expanding your right to stand your ground to where they have a right to be.

By expanding the rights of Alaskans to stand their ground to any place they are legally present we tell our residents that their decision to use deadly force to defend themselves and their families will not be second judged, and makes it clear that it is *criminals* who have a duty to retreat.

I believe that HB 381 strengthens the legal recognition of the basic human right of self defense and ask for your support.

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